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Keep Temple Beautiful Presents Prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Award to Temple City Council

TEMPLE, TX, - (September 4, 2015) In honor of Temple being a recipient of the 2015 Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA), representatives from Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) attended Thursday's regular Council meeting with the Keep Temple Beautiful Board of Directors. The representatives presented a \$270,000 check to the City Council.



Keep Texas Beautiful has recognized Keep Temple Beautiful as one of 10 winners of the 2015 Governor's Community Achievement Awards for outstanding community improvement. The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. The winners will share \$2 million in landscape funding from the Texas Department of Transportation; the \$270,000 awarded to Temple will go to a landscaping project along a local state right-of-way in Temple per the grant agreement.

The Governor's Community Achievement Awards are presented annually to communities in nine population categories for exhibiting the best environmental programs in the state on the basis of a group's community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement.

"As a non-profit organization, an award such as this will make a tremendous impact on what we will be able to do for Temple," says Tanya Gray, Executive Director for Keep Temple Beautiful. "This is one of the most prestigious environmental awards presented to communities across Texas, and it is a testament to the very hard work and dedication of

our volunteers and partners and the true generosity of our donors and sponsors. We are truly honored that Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT have recognized the Temple community as a state leader who is working diligently to create and sustain comprehensive environmental and beautification programs.”

This is the 3rd win for Keep Temple Beautiful; an organization can only win every 4 years. Keep Temple Beautiful’s two other previous wins were in 2006 and 2011.

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